Appointments in the High Court.

208. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the High Court Registrar, the Deputy Registrar, the Manager, the Indexer and the Head Clerk of the High Court?

(*b*) Were these appointments not made on the recommendation of the Chief Justice?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Registrar— Mr. P. N. Sitarama Aiyar B. A., B. L.

Deputy Registrar— ,, P. Tandu Aiyar. (on leave.)

,, P. S. Kuppuswami Aiyar (Acting).

Manager— ,, P. S. Kuppuswami Aiyar B. A., B. L. (on other duty.)

,, T. S. Appattura Aiyar B. A. (Acting).

Indexer— ,, M. Raman Menon B. A., B. L (on other duty).

,, N. Harihara Aiyar B. A., B. L. (Acting). (on other duty).

,, T. Kuttikrishna Menon B.A., B.L. (Acting).

Filing Clerk (Head Clerk)— ,, T. S. Appattura Aiyar B. A. (on other duty).

,, R. Gopala Aiyangar (Acting).

(*b*) Yes.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there were no non-Brahmin claimants for the place at the time of the appointment, and, if so, why the claims of those people were overlooked?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Abkari Farming System.

209. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are not aware of the large volume of public opinion against the farming out of certain taluks in respect of arrack and toddy as a monopoly to one person?

(*b*) Are they not aware that such practice entails loss on Government and gives room for corruption on a large scale?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The farming system has been given up, except in the Devicolam taluk where peculiar conditions prevail.

Complaints re. Quality of Salt.

210. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received petitions from the people of Quilon and Alleppey regarding the bad quality of salt supplied from the middle of 1098, and, if so, what action they have taken thereon?

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